

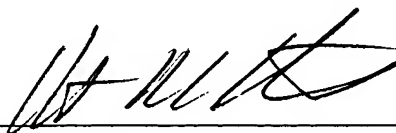
Application No.: 10/638,826
Response to Office Action of November 10, 2005
Attorney Docket: ALEIP---1A

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2005. In the Office Action, Claims 1-9 and 14-20 were allowed, Claims 10-13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, Claims 25-26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Claim 21 was withdrawn from consideration, and Claims 22-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). As respectfully submitted above, Claims 10-13 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, Claims 25 has been amended in independent form, Claim 21 has been withdrawn, and Claims 22-24 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, please contact applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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